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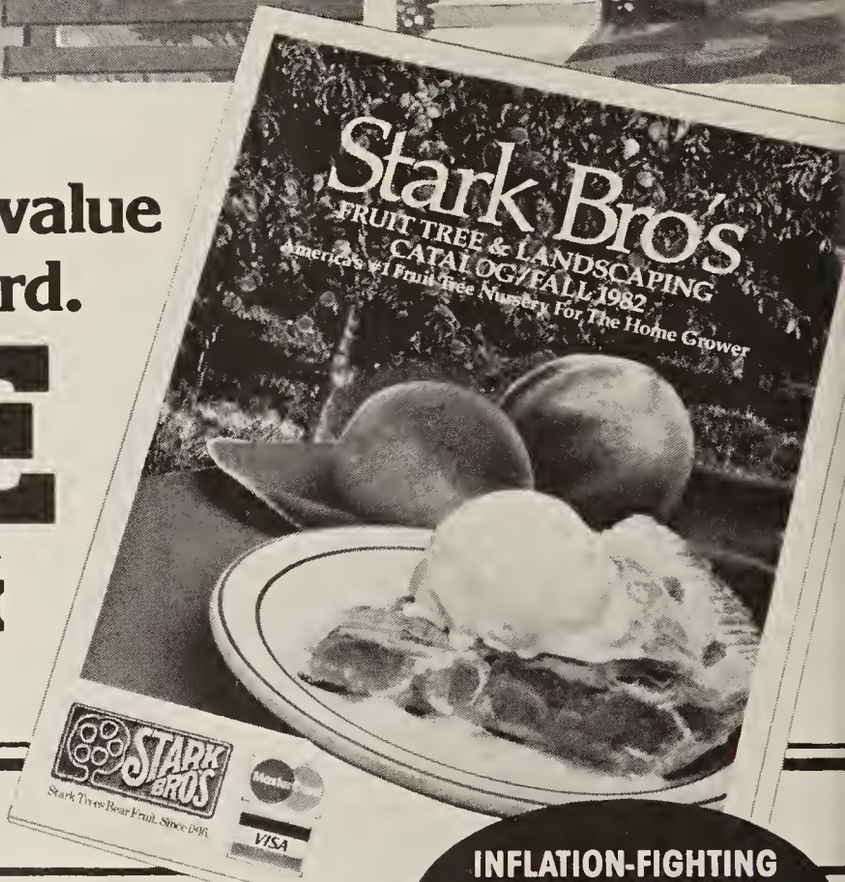

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Tax Proposal: Robin Hood Economics

Two Democratic congressmen have ome up with an attractive plan for ramatically revamping the federal ncome tax system to eliminate the nequitable tax burden that's now laced on lower- and middle-income mericans.

The plan, proposed by Sen. Bill radley of New Jersey and Rep. ichard Gephardt of Missouri, would implify tax rates for all taxpayers by rastically reducing the number of llowable deductions, credits and xemptions.

Best of all, it would cut taxes for 60 ercent of Americans in 1984 without educing overall tax collections. The eductions would be offset by ncreases for those in the higher ncome brackets, who now take the nost advantage of tax deductions.

Under legislation the congressmen re developing, the present system's umerous income brackets would be eplaced by only a handful. A flat 14 ercent tax rate would apply for single ersons earning up to $25,000 and ouples earning up to $40,000.

A "progressive surtax" of 6 to 14 ercent would be added for various igher income levels, but the top rate would be 28 percent for single persons arning more than $37,000 and ouples earning more than $65,000. At resent, the top tax rate is 50 percent.

To ensure fairness for less affluent axpayers, the personal exemption would be raised from $1,000 to $1,500 nd the zero tax bracket would be ifted from $3,400 to $4,600 for joint eturns.

The congressmen say a new tax system is needed because the present system is far too complicated, results in inefficient allocation of economic resources and is regarded by most Americans as unfair.

The proposal would keep several widely used deductions involving such things as employee business expenses, home mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local taxes, exclusion of Social Security and veterans benefits and exemption of interest on general obligation bonds.

However, it would modify some others and would repeal about two dozen tax breaks such as intangible oil drilling costs, interest on life insurance savings, disability pay, deduction for second earners and political contributions.

Sen. Bradley and Rep. Gephardt say about 60 percent of Americans would have their taxes reduced by these changes, another 10 to 15 percent would experience no change in taxes, and about 16 percent would experience increases.

They concede that many wealthy people will oppose the plan, but say some of the rich have told them they would prefer a higher flat rate to the present complex system.

This proposal's simplicity is especially refreshing because the measure was spawned in Washington, where complexity has become a hallmark of the issues involved in the current federal budget impass.

Perhaps Congress will emerge from that chaotic process to accept the plan's Robin Hood economics—despite the attacks they will surely inspire from an administation that's pledged to protecting our nation's financial aristocracy like a modern-day Sheriff of Nottingham.

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Beware Of Energy-Saving Gadgets

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Americans, who spend billions of dollars a year on devices claimed to save energy, need to pay attention to the old adage, "Let the buyer beware," according to a recent government report.

There's a lot to be aware of, says the report to Congress by the General Accounting Office (GAO).

Many of the devices just don't do what they claim to, and buyers can't cope because:

• Sellers often ignore requests for evidence to support claims in advertisements. And the data that sellers do supply is often inaccurate, not relevant or too technical for customers to understand.

• Also, it's often difficult to know how much energy you are saving once you have the device. Even if you determine there are no savings, you may be stuck with an expensive purchase.

The GAO report encourages a greater federal role in informing and protecting consumers.

But federal agencies are in fact backing away from such activities, under the Reagan "less government" philosophy.

The bottom line is that consumers will have to be better informed and more skeptical of claims, and must seek help from other agencies, such as state consumer protection programs.

The GAO report casts doubt on several energy-saving claims by citing tests or other information. For example:

• Furnace vent dampers, claimed to save 20 to 30 percent on fuel bills.

Scientific tests have shown average savings from the devices of under 10 percent.

• Ceiling fans, claimed to save 35 to 50 percent on energy bills.

GAO cites one analysis that predicts a savings of five to 10 percent. Another analysis suggested the savings might be 15 percent for the room where th fan is located, but not for the who house.

The GAO report gives some gene rules for not wasting your money:

Don't believe testimonials. Even honest consumer may not really kno how much heating fuel XYZ gadg saved him. Difference in weather ar house use can blur even a caref experiment.

Realize that even if a gadget cu energy bills by 20 to 30 percent in som cases, your case may be different. If th snow is blowing in around yo windows, you may indeed save percent by weatherstripping. conditions aren't so bad to start wit you won't save as much.

Even a good product might not h the one you need. Look for your be payoffs. If you can get free wood, woodstove makes more sense than you have to buy fuel. If you need att insulation, get it before investing solar gadgets—and so on.

A free copy of the GAO repo *Consumer Products Advertised Save Energy—Let the Buyer Beware,* available from GAO Docume Facility, Box 6015, Gaithersburg, M 20760.

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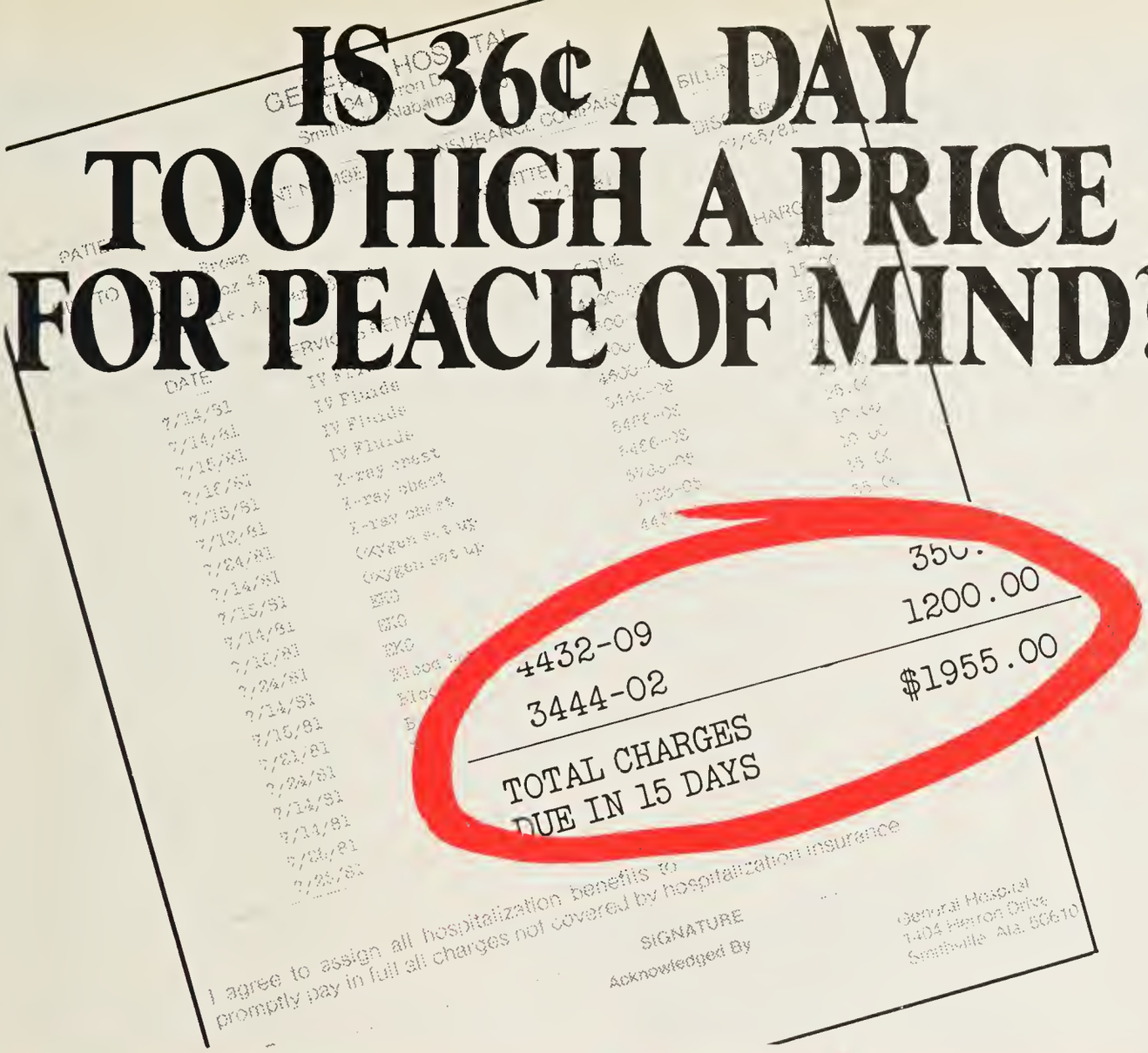

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CCC Alumni Group Seeking Members

The National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps Alumni is trying to locate former members of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

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From 1933 to 1943, young men were employed by the CCC to plant billions of trees, build bridges, parks, dams and reclaim millions of acres of land.

Vengrouskie says the spirit of the CCC now "lives again in the NACCCA."

For more information about the organization, write to NACCCA Headquarters, 7900 Sudley Road, Suite 413, Manassas, VA 22110-2874.

Tick Season Brings Threat Of Disease

Two deaths have already been reported in North Carolina this year from Rocky Mountain spotted fever, a disease caused by tick bites.

State officials say there were 17 deaths from the disease in 1980 and another seven in 1981.

Experts in the field say early detection and treatment will prevent the disease from becoming serious and, as a result, people who spend time outdoors should check themselves every couple of hours for ticks.

For further information about Rocky Mountain spotted fever, write for a pamphlet on the subject to the North Carolina Insurance News Service, P.O. Box 11526, Charlotte, NC 28220.

Home Folks . . .

William G. Greenlee of Marion has been re-elected chairman of Nationwide General, which writes group and franchise automobile insurance. He has served on the board since 1971 . . . **Dr. Lee T. Shapiro**, director of the Abrams Planetarium at Michigan State University since 1974, has been named director of the Morehead Planetarium at UNC-CH . . . Former U.S. Senator **Robert Morgan** received dual honors during the recent dedication of a community health center in Harnett County. The dedication of the Robert Morgan Center for Family and Community Health in the Anderson Creek community was the focal point for the countywide "Robert Morgan Day" . . .**Dr. Joseph A. Phillips**, assistant director of community and rural development for the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, has received a Superior Service Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was cited for his work as director of the Soil and Water Conservation Division of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development . . . **Cecil O. Smith Jr.**, manager of Tri-County Telephone Membership Corporation, Belhaven, and the co-op itself were honored recently by the National Telephone Cooperative Association. Smith and the co-op were cited for outstanding marketing programs conducted during 1981 . . . **R.C. (Bob) Wells**, specialist-in-charge of extension economics at N.C. State University, has been named associate director of the Agricultural Extension Service. He succeeds **Dr. Chester D. Black**, who was promoted to director of the service in January . . . **Virgil McBride**, manager of regional public affairs for R.J. Reynolds Industries, has been named the N.C. Department of Agriculture's Friend of Agriculture for 1981. He was cited for his unselfish efforts "for the benefit of all tobacco interests." Meanwhile, **Miss York Kiker**, who recently retired as the department's home economist, was named the department employee of the year for 1981 . . . **Barbara Deverick**, manager of organizational planning at Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Cooperative League of the USA . . . **Jane Sharp** of Chapel Hill has been elected president of the North Carolina Consumers Council . . . State Rep. **Al Adams** of Wake County has been named Consumer Advocate of the Year by the N.C. Consumers Council.

Statewide Board Gets New Member

George G. Barton, a director of Harkers Island Electric Membership Corporation, has been appointed to represent the EMC on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.

Barton, who has been on the Harkers Island EMC board since 1974, succeeds Wilford A. Dixon in the statewide board position. Dixon, who had been a director of the co-op since 1978, recently stepped down from the EMC's board.

The association board consists of the manager and a director from each of the state's 28 EMCs.

Crafts Fair Set For July 21-24

More than 120 craftsmen will exhibit their work at the 35th Annual Guild Fair of the Southern Highland Handicraft Guild in Asheville, July 21-24.

The show, which will be held in the Asheville Civic Center, will focus on metal work.

It will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Admission will be $2.50 for adults and $1 for children under 12. Group discounts are available. For details call the Guild office at (704) 298-7928.

Study Focuses On Rural Preservation

North Carolina's colorful rural farmhouses and rambling barns are still very much a part of the state's landscape, but they could well disappear unless steps are taken to preserve them.

That's the conclusion of a thorough study of the state's need for rural preservation.

Published by the Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina, the study is titled *Historic Preservation in Rural North Carolina: Problems and Potentials.*

Author Kathleen Pepi Southern of Durham, who is now a law student, researched and wrote the book while she was an employee of the Archaeology/Historic Preservation Section of the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. Dana Davis Bayley of Raleigh prepared the graphics.

Copies of the 188-page softcover book are available from the Historic Preservation Society of North Carolina, 109 E. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611.

Directors Take EMC Board Posts

Seven incumbent directors have been re-elected to their seats on the boards of two North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations at recent co-op annual meetings:

- **Blue Ridge EMC**, Lenoir—Re-elected were Richard Shepherd of Rt. 2, Lansing; Oren Teague of Rt. 1, Granite Falls; Bill E. Brown of Rt. 1, Boone, and Charity Gambill of Sparta.
- **Piedmont EMC**, Hillsborough—Re-elected were J. Douglas Simmons of Elon College; Clyde Satterfield of Rt. 1, Timberlake, and Richard C. Roberts of Rt. 1, Hillsborough.

Cover: Sunset At Lake Waccamaw

This sunset, accented by the stark silhouettes of trees at Lake Waccamaw, was photographed by Richard V. West of Lumberton.

Summer and Fall Crafts Fairs Set

The Blue Ridge Hearthside Crafts Association has scheduled two crafts fairs in coming months for the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Boone.

They'll be held Aug. 12-15 and Oct. 15-17. Both will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Crafts by about 350 mountain crafts people will be exhibited at the two fairs.

Admission for those 12 and over will be $2. For more information, call (704) 264-9078.

Oops!

Two errors crept into the special "Election 82" section of our June issue and both involved coverage of the Fourth District Congressional race.

Leo Tew of Raleigh should have been identified as a candidate in the Republican primary, opposing William (Bill) Cobey of Chapel Hill.

The section should also have carried a notice that Cobey did not respond to our candidates' query.

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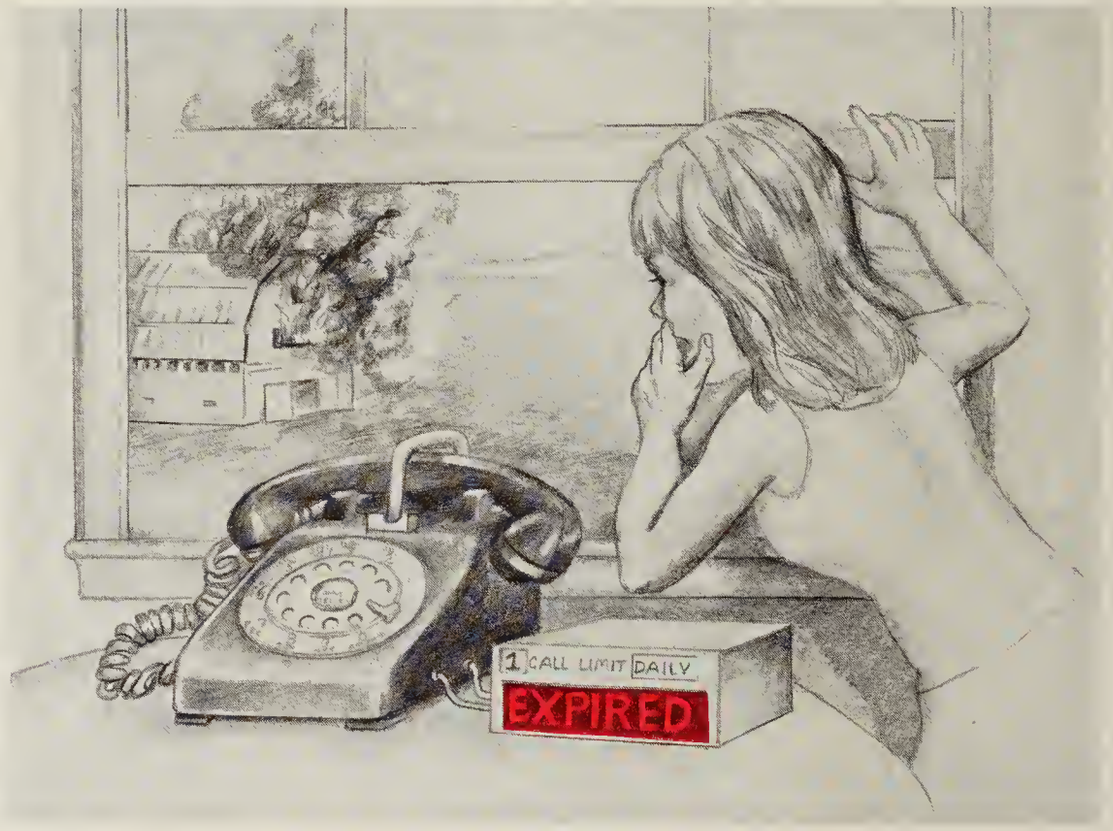

A Call For Help From Rural America

Impending changes in the nation's telecommunications industry are expected to bring a complete transformation of traditional telephone service, a transformation that may make this vital service unaffordable for most rural Americans. Industry officials are already asking Congress to take steps that will alleviate the situation.

The telephone may become a luxury item that low-income, rural people will not be able to afford to use, as a result of the proposed settlement of an eight-year-old Justice Department suit that breaks up the $137 billion American Telephone and Telegraph Co.

The settlement, which will not be official until a federal judge approves divestiture of AT&T's 22 local telephone operating companies, is expected to double the rates paid by all telephone customers for local calls.

In rural areas, long-distance rates are likely to skyrocket as a result of the settlement and pending deregulation of the telephone industry.

Story by Sharon O'Malley
Illustration by Donna Johnson

Urban customers can expect reduced long-distance rates.

A rural customer, who now trades a flat fee each month for unlimited use of a telephone for local calls, could be paying a different sort of rate a year from now when phone companies may begin charging the caller for the distance and length of each call.

Those rates, according to industry experts, could raise phone bills, with inflation, between 55 and 250 percent. The increases will be greater in rural areas mainly due to fewer people and higher costs.

And the price of installation and service is likely to more than double, hiking a regular installation fee of $35 today to as much as $140 next year.

For low-income rural Americans, that means they may not be able to afford telephone service next year, when AT&T divestiture must be completed. There may, however, be a variety of cheaper services available, such as special rates for a limit of one call per day.

"Without a doubt, in rural America, a number of people will be priced out," said Bob Leigh, general manager for operations of the National Telephone Cooperative Association, a Washington, D.C.-based service organization for phone co-ops.

The ruling also could mean that small, independent telephone companies, including cooperatives, will have to merge in order to survive.

Meanwhile, telephone users everywhere can expect to be inundated with new equipment, including phones that sport gadgets

nging from clocks to calculators to evices that turn on the kitchen stove om the office. All that modern quipment may not be able to plug ito less-sophisticated rural phone nes, however.

Customers will be able to choose om various long-distance companies ho will offer different services. Rural elephone customers probably will ontinue to receive long distance ervice from AT&T, because other ompanies will not see any profit in emote areas.

The anti-trust suit was brought in 974 when the government charged hat AT&T was monopolizing the elecommunications industry by eeping potential competitors out of ne market.

As a result of the proposed ettlement between the Justice epartment and AT&T, the world's rgest company will give up its $80 illion local telephone service, but etain its long-distance operations, its nanufacturing subsidiary and its esearch branch.

This will permit the smaller AT&T to nter into non-telephone related elds, including information services, lata processing and cable television, rom which it previously was barred.

Independent, non-AT&T telephone ompany representatives fear that vhile urban areas can expect higher ocal rates and lower long-distance harges, rural communities will suffer double blow from the AT&T ettlement.

It is more costly and less desirable to serve rural residents than urban dwellers because the rural systems have far fewer subscribers per mile of telephone line—five compared with 100.

It could isolate rural people from each other and cause problems with fire, safety and emergencies. It could be like going back to the 18th century, when rural people lived isolated from the rest of society.

Like electric cooperatives, however, rural telephone cooperatives were established as a consumer-owned, non-profit way to bring reasonably priced telephone service to neglected rural communities. There are 1,482 telephone cooperatives and small, non-AT&T companies in the country.

Currently, prices charged by Bell operating companies do not reflect actual costs. Long-distance revenues subsidize costly local expenses, and long-distance calls between major cities subsidize expensive long-distance calls between rural communities.

But with potential deregulation and the divestiture brought about by the AT&T settlement, the telephone giant's long-distance division will be separated from Bell's local service, with each division's rates being revised to reflect its actual costs. As a result, long-distance rates are expected to fall and local rates to climb.

In rural areas, where it costs more to offer any utility service, telephone companies may not be as eager to provide long distance service. The result could be higher local and long-distance bills for sparsely populated communities.

If rural telephone rates do double—or even triple, as some analysts predict—"rural people will not have telephones," said Doyle Niemann, a spokesman for Rural America, a Washington, D.C.-based service organization for rural communities. "It could isolate rural people from each other and cause problems with fire, safety and emergencies. It could be like going back to the 18th century, when rural people lived isolated from the rest of society."

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Rural Tar Heels To Face Spiraling Telephone Rates

Rural residents of North Carolina would undoubtedly ace "heavy" increases in local telephone rates as a result of mpending changes in the nation's telephone industry.

That's the assessment of Edward B. Hipp, a member of the tate Utilities Commission who discussed the subject earlier his year before a congressional subcommittee.

Hipp said the AT&T anti-trust settlement and the roposed deregulation of the industry would foster ncreased competition that could yield lower costs for long listance calls.

But, he expects overall rates in North Carolina to rise bout 89 percent over the next four years, with the increases eing "not necessarily uniform."

The impact, he said, "will vary from telephone company o telephone company, but the impact will be greater for he small rural companies and cooperatives. Their increases vill be greater than 89 percent."

The commissioner pointed out that only about half of the state's telephone service is provided by Southern Bell. The remainder of the service is offered by 11 independent companies and nine telephone co-ops.

Hipp said efforts are being mounted in Washington to soften the impact of these changes on rural areas, but the outlook is not good for much improvement.

"It looks to me like the rural areas are going to be the hardest hit and I don't see that they would be the ones to primarily benefit."

Charles Wilson, administrator of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority, agrees with Hipp, saying the rural areas will be adversely affected by both the AT&T settlement and industry deregulation.

"The deregulation movement was already under way when the anti-trust settlement came along—and deregulation alone would have meant trouble for rural phone service. The anti-trust suit will make it even worse."

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Niemann's fears are based on statistics that show rural people earn about 24 percent less and their communities generally have higher concentrations of poor people than urban areas.

Hank Wieland, director of media relations at the U.S. Independent Telephone Association in Washington, said what should be a basic service at uniform, affordable prices could mushroom into a utility bill nightmare for rural dwellers.

Several independent telephone associations in the Washington area are urging Congress, in its consideration of a controversial telecommunications bill, to include a provision to protect rural telephone customers from exorbitant phone bills. Their proposal would provide for subsidies for rural telephone service if rural customers are ever billed 110 percent more than their urban neighbors for the same service.

A number of proposals are being considered by Congress, which is being forced into the complicated issue by the pending AT&T settlement. Varying degrees of deregulation for the telephone industry are being considered, and representatives hope to pass an amendment to the outdated Telecommunications Act that will increase competition while keeping rates under control.

Although industry representatives agree that local and long-distance service will always be available to rural residents, they also believe the higher prices will bring changes to phone service as it is known today.

Local and long-distance charges in the future likely will be based on a per-minute, per-distance rate, rather than the current flat fee.

Leigh predicts the new structure of the telephone industry will alter the country's social structure, particularly in rural areas, where housewives gladly volunteer to spend a few hours on the telephone for church fundraisers, and school girls who are not quite old enough to hop in a car and visit their friends, chat incessantly each evening on the phone.

"Teenage daughters will not be able to talk for hours on the phone unless their fathers are millionaires," says Leigh.

On the positive side, he added, the telephone industry will have a better and cheaper product to offer 20 years from now as phone companies become more diverse telecommunications businesses, offering services such as home computer terminals.

These space-age technologies will be available more quickly in the new, deregulated industry, Leigh said.

Industry Changes To Bring Mergers and Bankurptcies

A number of rural telephone cooperatives and independent telephone companies can be expected to go out of business or merge into fewer, larger operations in the wake of the AT&T anti-trust settlement and proposed deregulation of the telephone industry.

That outlook is shared by an industry official and a spokesman for the Rural Electrification Administration, the government agency that oversees loan and loan guarantee programs for 257 rural telephone cooperatives and 730 small telephone companies serving 4.7 million U.S. households.

Bob Leigh, general manager for operations of the National Telephone and Cooperative Association, predicted that by the year 2000, the nation's 1,482 independent and cooperative telelphone systems will dwindle to 500, with bankruptcies and mergers beginning as soon as the AT&T settlement takes effect.

An REA official seconded that prediction, saying the survival of the independent and co-op companies could depend on their involvement in other areas of communication, such as cable television and data processing.

Moving into these areas, he said, would allow them to compete with Bell's 22 divested companies even if the Bell companies should be lumped into one giant corporation.

"The only way a phone company can keep up with the pace is to provide new services," he said. "The coming thing is not telephones. The coming thing is the whole sphere of telecommunications."

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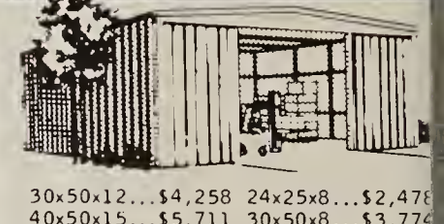

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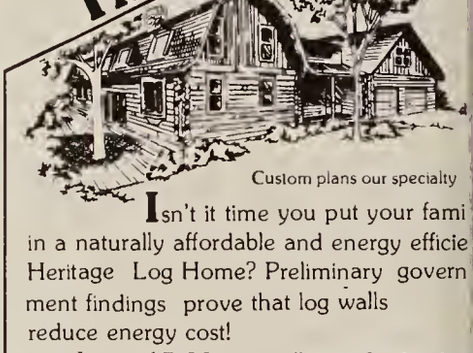

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Prisoner-laborers did much of the work to prepare the old Vade Mecum Hotel for use by 4-H campers.

Prisoners Help Convert Hotel-Spa Into 4-H Camp

North Carolina's newest 4-H Camp s an 80-year-old former hotel and ealth spa in Stokes County that was onverted into a camping facility with he help of prisoner-laborers.

The Sertoma 4-H Camp, situated on 335-acre tract adjacent to Hanging Rock State Park, opened in June.

The site was purchased several years go by the Sertoma Clubs and donated o the Easter Seal Society for use as a camp for handicapped youth. Both organizations donated the property to he state in April, 1981, for use as a 4-H camp.

Facilities include a three-story wood building formerly the Vade Mecum Hotel, a gym, chapel, nine cabins, nfirmary, camp store, caretaker's esidence, staff residence, two screened buildings suitable for classes, horse barn, riding ring and a spring house.

The hotel was built in the early 1900s and it needed a lot of work, according o Dr. Donald Stormer, state 4-H eader at N.C. State University. Last summer and fall, the prisoners scraped paint, puttied, sanded and repainted. They sanded and repainted the hotel's fire escapes that had rusted and replaced some woodwork around the porches.

The dining hall was expanded from a capacity of about 65 to 125; the floor was refinished and the kitchen was remodeled.

"The inmates did much of that work and put new roofs on single story buildings," Stormer said.

"I've been painting and roofing mostly," one prisoner said, as he worked on the project. "This is a different environment. I feel free. I'm doing something constructive here. It's not like working on the roads or digging a ditch."

Another prisoner said the work was "much better than sitting back at camp. I'm learning some skills that I can use later and helping to get the camp ready for 4-H members to come and have a good time."

"This should help toward my parole," another prisoner said.

Mike Morton, Stokes County correctional officer, said the inmates ranged in age from about 22 to 50. "They were on minimum custody and not under guard," he said.

Contractors in Yadkinville were employed to supervise the work.

The North Carolina 4-H Development Fund, headquartered at NCSU, paid for renovating and expanding the facilities.

"We paid for transportation and the correctional officer's salary to accompany the prisoners to the work site," Stormer said. "The prisoners were paid $1.25 a day."

In addition, Stormer said members of the Sertoma Clubs had several workdays to help with the project.

The new facility, which can accommodate about 1,000 campers each summer, is one of five resident-type 4-H camps that the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service operates for its 96,000 4-H members and about 17,000 volunteer leaders.

Stormer said the camping program helps youngsters learn to live, work and play together; develop their physical and manual skills through canoeing, sailing, archery and crafts; and appreciate the out-of-doors through hiking, nature trails, and other nature interpretation activities.

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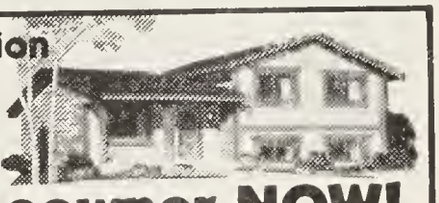

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Ceremonies Mark Dedication of Carteret-Craven Headquarters

Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation, Morehead City, has formally dedicated its new $1.6 million headquarters complex on Highway 24 west of Morehead City.

The new facilities, which were occupied last November, were dedicated June 13 during ceremonies paying tribute to founding directors of the cooperative.

Ribbon-cutting duties were handled by Blair Huntley Willis, a fourth-generation member of the family of the EMC board's f president, George W. Huntley

In addition, two members of t first board, L.W. Pelletier a Gerald Whitehurst, we recognized during the ceremo ies.

The headquarters faciliti include a 21,800-square-foot offi building, a 14,200-square-fo warehouse and a 3,750-squa foot garage. As an energy-savi feature, the headquarters a equipped with solar panels f water heating.

The EMC, which was organiz in 1940, had operated out headquarters in Morehead City f 27 years before moving to the ne facilities.

B.F. Morton, general manager the EMC, said, "We had ju outgrown our previous locatio and this facility should serve o needs for at least the next 25 yea We should be able to provi much better service for o consumer-members."

He pointed out that the ne headquarters were design especially to help cut maintenan costs.

"Until we moved, we never h our own repair shop for vehicle And we also have bulk gasoli storage."

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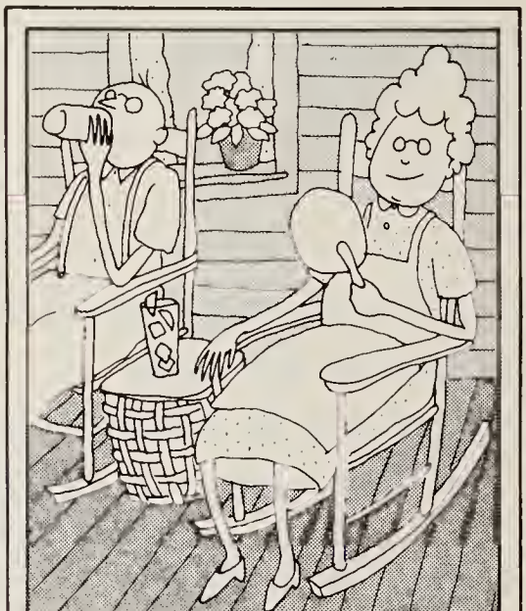

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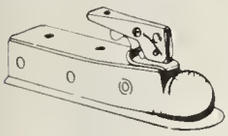

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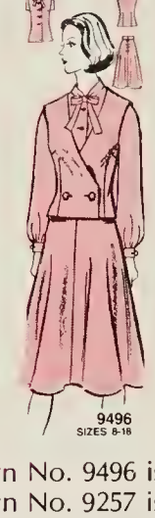

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Submitted by Mrs. Frances Greene of Raleigh

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- 1 6 oz. pkg. wild and white rice mix
- 1 12 oz. pkg. frozen crab meat, thawed and drained
- 1 lb. frozen, peeled shrimp, thawed and drained
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- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 4 oz. jar pimiento, drained
- 2 T. lemon juice

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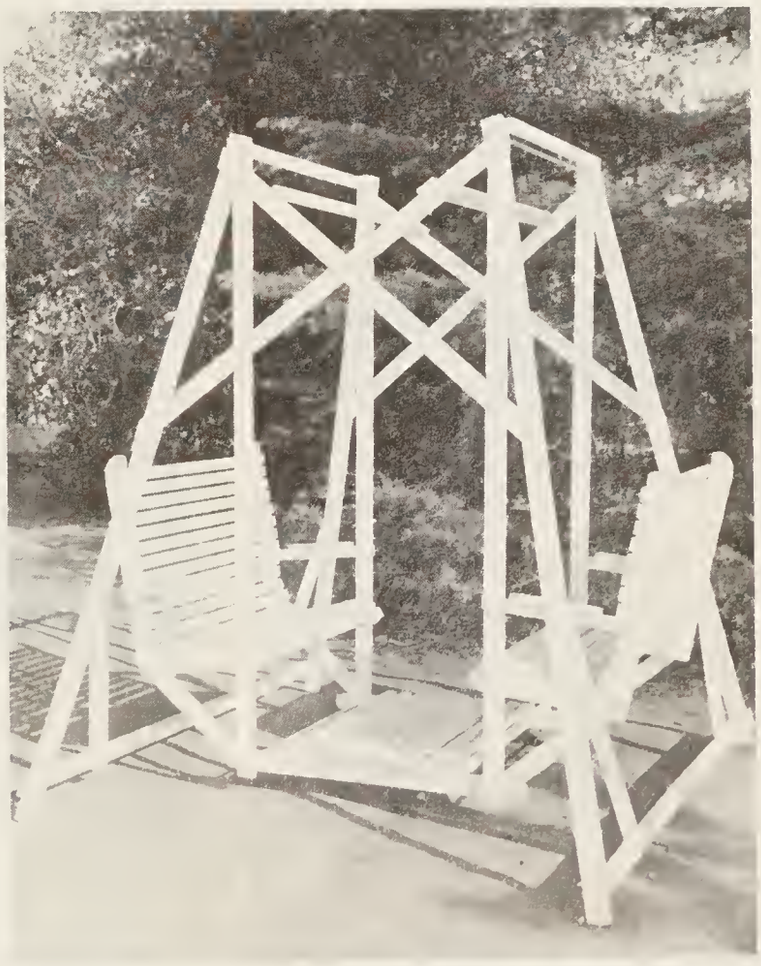

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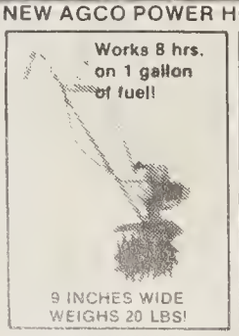

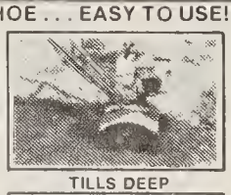

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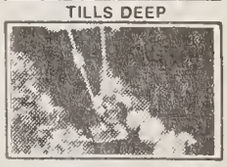

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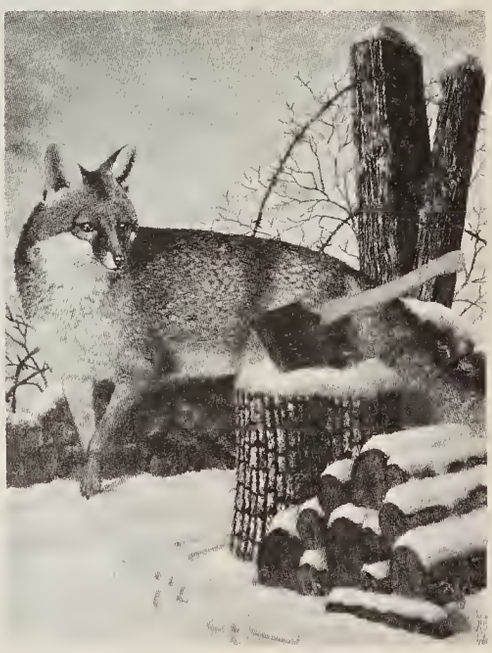

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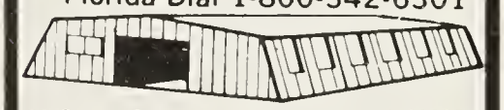

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Then, Roosevelt came in and gave us first of all jobs, food and clothing for the ones not able to work. How could anyone of any political party condemn a man like that? He even gave us lights for our home. God forbid that I should ever hear him criticized again.

If something doesn't change, we are going right back into another Depression. This looks like Hoover times again, where the rich are helped, the average American starved. It scares me.

Inez McTaggart
Rt. 2, Hayesville

A Response To "The Nuclear Tractor"

In response to "The Nuclear Tractor," I make the following points:

A. Government subsidies to the nuclear industry more than offset the cost of regulatory safeguards. In North Carolina, for example, the Construction Work in Progress policy of the Utilities Commission forces electric ratepayers to finance the construction of nuclear reactors that we do not want, do not need, and from which we may never get any electricity.

B. Even before extensive governmentation of the nuclear industry began, insurance companies would not insure nuclear reactors. They still will not. Reactors remain only partially insured, and almost all of that insurance is from the federal government.

C. Wastes from uranium mining are contaminating groundwater all over mining country. Nuclear reactors routinely vent radioactivity into the atmosphere. There is no safe method of storing or disposing of the extremely hazardous materials produced by the generation of electricity by nuclear fission. The health of all Americans is being poisoned for the profit of the nuclear industry.

D. Nuclear fission still produces only about 13% of our electricity. Conservation efforts could easily allow us to do entirely without nuclear power. Do we really need electric toothbrushes?

E. *No Nukes*, by Anna Gyorgy (South End Press) and *Poisoned Power* by Gofman and Tamplin (Rodale Press) fully document the case against nuclear power. You owe it to yourself and your readers to become familiar with these books.

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"We've Seen Too Much Of Hunters at Play"

We want to compliment you on the piece you printed in a recent issue on feeding wild birds . . . We live in the mountains near Waynesville and we have seen too much of hunters at play. This winter we found a very small black bear cub with both front feet cut off in one of the county dumpsters. Last week, in the same location, someone had disposed of a beautiful peregrine they'd shot. In all parts of the country this is illegal.

People are still setting the cruel steel traps to catch anything that comes along. We saw a three-legged house cat and the owner said it was caught in a steel trap. These traps are outlawed in most of the country. All wildlife does not belong to hunters. There are many people who would like to see their wildlife alive, not killed on sight . .

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Emerald Isle Windmill: "A Seemingly Worthless Venture"

For years, I believe that utilities tried to extract outlandish profits from the consumer, and now that I've read your publication, I'm sure of it. Now I am not knocking cooperatives, for we receive very good service from Davidson EMC; however, the bias of your publication would make me wish I was independent of them.

In particular, your April, 1982, issue under "Facing South"—Tapping Coastal Breezes for Power—was offensive. The article describe family that had invested a high am of cash in a seemingly wort venture. For one thing, $10,000 for KW/24-mph-wind power extract not representative of the market, the idea that wind power is hobbists only is most disgusting.

Now, I, too can be consider hobbyist, since I am not a licen engineer; however, I consider example provided to be a wast money. I could show you two mo which I have designed which w output 5 KW/10-mph-wind an KW/17-mph-wind at the initial co $5,000. Not to mention that there more effective means of storage batteries or feeding "the power g

Shucks, with 10 times the amou money Mr. Stanley placed in hobby, I could begin to chall even Duke Power.

David C
Rt. 10, Lexin

Windmill: "Losing Money Fas

The article "Tapping Coa Breezes for Power," on page 11 o April, 1982, issue was very interes and the facts were correct as far as went; however, the article infe that the generator would pay for i This is not true even on Emerald where they have wind most of time. The return on investment or system is only 2.8 percent not cour taxes, repair or maintenance. money worth 12 percent plus you see that this system is losing mo fast.

These types of articles are interesting to your readers, but should be careful and not mis them into making bad investmen

John W. Gl
NCSU Extension Speci
Biological and Agricult
Enginee

The windmill story was prese simply to show how far the Joe Star were willing to go to generate son their own power. It protrayed Sta as being quite satisfied thus far the return on his investment quoted only the windmill manu turer as saying the device would for itself within an average lifes Stanley made it clear that his prir interest in the project is not the re on his investment when he was qu as saying, "I am energy conscious sort of a hobby with me and i challenge. God gives us the wind we should take advantage of it."

ıgazine: "A Source Helpful Materials"

Before retiring, I was a school rarian and became acquainted with riodicals. I found *Carolina Country* gazine a source of helpful materials out North Carolina and I appreciate contributions of the staff in viding this educational service.

Hilda B. Allen
Liberty

ople Should Protest ıgazine's "Propagandistic mogoguery"

Your publication *Carolina Country* nes to me unsolicited. I assume that electric co-op customers (one of ich I am at a different address) pay the support of this publication and people who make their living from will skip specifications of my belief t this is a foolish and useless penditure.

But people ought to protest the use such a publication for the paganda purposes to which it is . I have read with astonishment the petitive—and blatantly false—ertions that the loans from a federal ncy to the co-ops at low interest es don't cost the taxpayers anything d, indeed, that the government kes money on these loans. A ehood is no less reprehensible en made by a so-called non-profit titution or when made by ividuals who may have various ny rationalizations for peddling h misrepresentations.

he reprinted editorial by former . Morgan (March issue) is another mple of the propagandistic nagoguery to which you have made rself an instrument. It is offensive a captive consumer of one of your -op" electric distribution outfits t your publication should purport epresent the interests or the views he customers of such outfits. There lso a profound lack of integrity in so ng your publication. One can be te as much against sudsidies for e big corporations and the wealthy ats" as Sen. Morgan purports to —never mind that his votes as a ator often belied his pious tensions when his political well-ng was involved. One can equally against subsidies and "outrageous giveaways" for outfits like the ctric co-ops and the Farmers Home ministration whose beneficiaries, to an enormous extent, cannot honestly be represented as the truly needy etc.

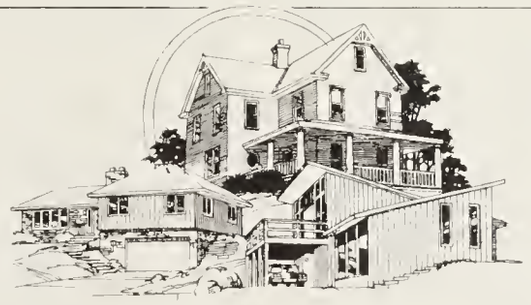
You, the editors of your publication, and others who clamor for federal funds for the perpetuation of activities which serve your self-interest, need to recognize that you are small but significant participants in a gigantic process of misleading and miseducating the public. The ultimate outcome will be the destruction of a viable society. It is all the more offensive to have this process advanced by people who infer that they are engaged in some form of public service and who conceal their self interest.

Phillip C. Brownnell
Asheville

• *Our "assertions" about rural electric co-op loans costing taxpayers nothing may be difficult for you to accept, but it is nonetheless true. We have made an effort to present these facts on a number of occasions in recent months because many of those in authority in Washington insist on perpetuating the myth that these loans are a drain on tax dollars.*

• *Former Sen. Morgan's editorial was presented as informed opinion on an issue directly affecting rural North Carolina residents. It's an issue that we felt our readers would be particularly concerned about.*

• *The nation's electric co-op's "clamor" for access to federally-insured and federally-guaranteed loans—not federal funds—because their consumer-members would face substantially higher power bills if these loans were not available. They already pay higher rates, on the average, than the customers of the investor-owned utilities, and these loans help to balance that inequity. In standing up for these principles, the co-ops do, indeed, seek to protect their "self-interest" because a cooperative is its members. The co-op operates solely to provide electric service at cost, with any margins being returned to the members on a regular basis.*



Homeownership: "Just Another Mere Illusion?"

Your March issue, featuring the reprint of "Shattering The Dreams of Homeownership," arrived as I had, by coincidence, written the enclosed poem. Your magazine is the one I try to read first—the format is great, the art work and covers are exceptional, and the writing is not only informative, but creative as well.

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The "cozy-cottage" living room
Is an elaborate arcade
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Two massive chandeliers
Enhance the dining room decor,
While the entire "corps de ballet"
Troupes across the kitchen floor.

Beyond are terrace tables
Graced with vintage wine and crepes.
The master bedroom's hung
With a hundred yards of drapes.

The bath has the dimensions
Of an Olympic swimming pool:
Complete with fireplace and a bar
To keep one warm, or cool.

The children's "play area,"
So meticulously defined,
Extolls a plastic periphery
A childless architect designed.

Myriad visions of elegance
Are intriguing to review—albeit
Our life style craves a cottage
Where the mortgage bids adieu.

Amalgamating debts and dreams
Adheres to more confusion.
Is the home that people could afford
Just another mere illusion?

—San Lassak, Raleigh

North Carolina And The New Deal by Anthony J. Badger. N.C. Department of Cultural Resources - Division of Archives & History. 102 pages. $3.

Back in 1935 nobody in North Carolina had ever heard of REA, but they did know that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt was causing the nation to shake with a variety of new programs aimed at solving the Great Depression.

Roosevelt's New Deal brought a lot of new things, and one was rural electric service. The magic initials were REA, and they had two meanings. In Washington it was the federal Rural Electrification Administration, part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In North Carolina, the administration of Gov. J.C.B. Ehringhaus had set up its own REA—the N.C. Rural Electrification Authority, which is still in business today. The governor, who was from Elizabeth City, appointed Dudley Bagley of Moyock—a few miles east—as chairman of the state agency. Some old-timers have called Dudley Bagley "the father of rural electrification" in North Carolina.

His two succeeding chairmen, Morris Cooke and John M. Carmody, believed Bagley worked closely with private power companies. They said he allowed those companies to "skim the cream" when the time came for rural lines. Bagley maintained that he was working with all interested parties—power companies, municipalities, and rural co-ops—to move the job ahead. After Gov. Clyde Hoey was elected in 1936, a year after N.C. REA was established, he strongly supported Chairman Bagley. And rural electrification did spread, from a paltry 3.2% of farmers served in 1935 to 25.9% in 1940.

But it should also be noted that the profit-making power companies did make it harder for the co-ops to string lines on an economically feasible basis.

This book, of course, is about a great many New Deal programs, from the "Triple A" (Agricultural Adjustment Administration) to the Works Progress Administration, which gave jobs to millions of unemployed Americans.

Although Dr. Anthony J. Badger teaches history at the University of Newcastle on Tyne in England, he has done a good job of capturing the sense of the Depression times in this country.

We read of the political conflicts of the day. Governor Hoey openly resisted "Washington interference" and both of North Carolina's Democratic senators—the flamboyant Robert Rice Reynolds and the conservative, dignified Josiah William Bailey—went along with Roosevelt as his program was starting, but after winning re-election they reversed their stand, opposing later "New Deal" legislation.

Nonetheless, the New Deal did arrive, and with tangible results.

The WPA did build a good many post offices and other public buildings. The "CCC boys" of the Civilian Conservation Corps did much worthwhile conservation work, guided by Army reserve officers and technical people of the fledgling Soil Conservation Service.

The Resettlement Administration (grandfather agency of the Farmers Home Administration) completed a successful project for impoveris displaced farmers at Penderlea also in Halifax County.

The AAA, strongly backed by State College Dean of Agriculture Schaub, brought North Carolina tobacco and peanut programs have so recently been under fi along with other programs to cu production of crops so farmers c get a fairer price.

The programs were not perfec any means —but Tar Heel tob growers saw their income grow f $34 million in 1932 to $85 million smaller crop in 1933—a dran increase that made "Triple programs popular from then on.

In fact, the Roosevelt meas lifted the state from its own versio the Depression to success in te and other industries, prevente banking collapse, and meant b prices and credit for farmers. Yet i the basic way of life unchanged.

This abbreviated book, pa bound, does a remarkable jo documenting this fascinating peri North Carolina history.

—*Frank Jete*

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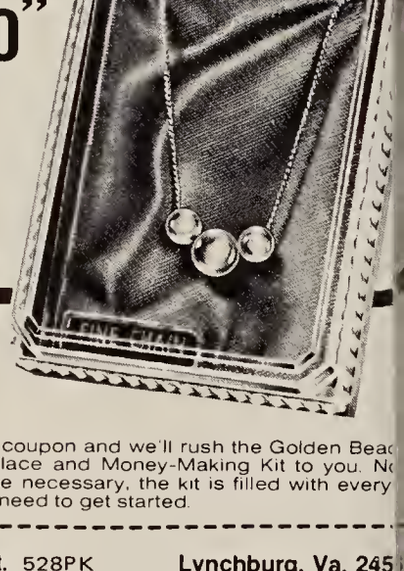

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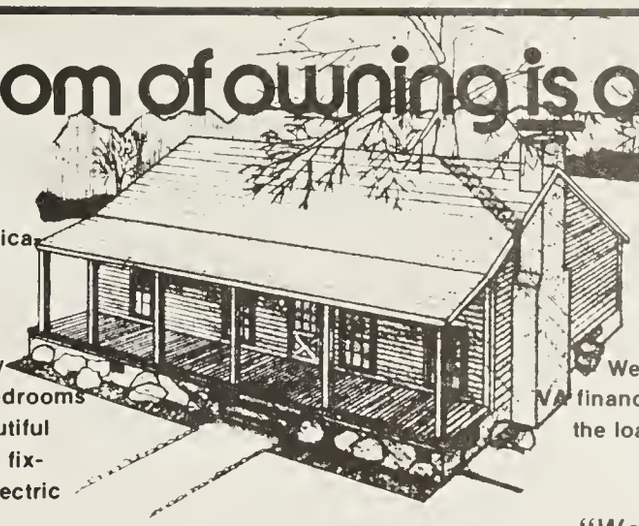

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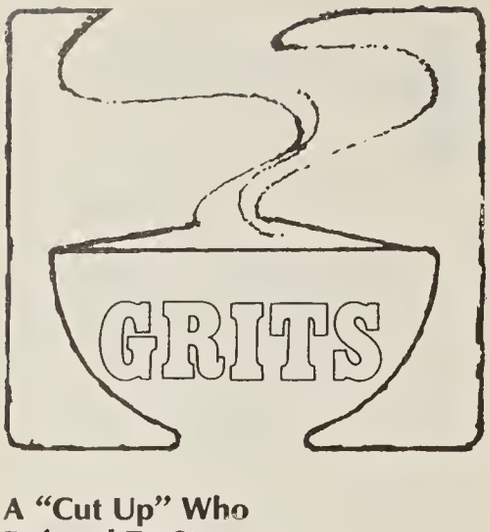

A "Cut Up" Who Refused To Stop "Cutting Up"

The news release said simply that Perry Turner of New Bern would be playing "Old Tom" Harris for his fourth season in the 1982 production of *The Lost Colony* at Manteo.

That much was certainly true, but there's far more to Perry Turner's story than those few lines would suggest.

It's a story of a fun-loving "cut-up" who refused to stop "cutting up" long after his days as the class clown were behind him.

And, it's a story of a man's frustrating journey down traditional paths in search of the right outlet for his craving to entertain.

I've watched the story unfold from its fringes, for Perry's my cousin. We both grew up around Plymouth. But because I lived in town and he was a country boy, we didn't spend a lot of time together except at occasional family gatherings.

After he finished high school, I saw him even less but kept up with him through family ties. He drifted into radio work, using his healthy baritone voice to become an on-the-air personality.

That seemed to satisfy his need to perform for awhile, but he was soon looking for other outlets. He tried strumming guitar and singing with country music bands from time to time. And, he played the little theater circuit.

Somehow, he never quite found his performing niche as he moved around Eastern North Carolina over the years.

His radio career landed him in New Bern, where he eventually decided he'd had enough of broadcasting.

In his spare time, he'd picked up some skill as a brick mason—enough that friends were asking him to build patios and other projects for them.

"After I quit radio, I wasn't sure exactly where I was headed," he said, as we chatted last summer following a *Lost Colony* performance. "I thought I could at least do brick masonry while I was trying to decide what my next step would be."

He soon found himself a full-fledged masonry contractor—and his own boss, for a change.

"I was finally in a position of not having to ask an employer for a three-month leave of absence in order to try for a part in *The Lost Colony*. I just decided that if I was ever going to do it, that was the time."

He'd coveted the role of "Old Tom" since he'd first seen the outdoor drama, and that's the part he sought when he reported for auditions in 1977. The role was already cast, but he was hired to play another principal character, Simon Fernando, while understudying "Old Tom."

Perry Turner as "Old Tom" Harris in The Lost Colony.

Perry's family joined him for his debut season as a professional acto His wife, Ann, was a ticket-taker during that first summer, but became a stage manager for the second. She's now in her fifth yea in that capacity.

Her sons were also involved in t production. The oldest was an ush for two years before joining his younger brothers on stage in non-speaking roles. They stayed with t play through last summer, but decided to spend this summer with family and friends in New Bern.

Signing on with the production involves no small commitment, for rehearsals begin in late May or ear June, with performances schedule nightly except Sundays from mid June through the last Saturday in August.

Perry is now in his sixth year of following that summertime regime as a counterpoint to his masonry work in New Bern.

After two years as Fernando, he finally took over the role of "Old Tom," the comic, spirit-soaked beggar who becomes a man as a result of his experiences on Roano Island.

He says he has never tired of the part.

"So far, I haven't gotten bored with it. I enjoy it every night. It really excites me. I get a kick out it because I can tell that the audience is enjoying it. If I feel lik I'm getting through to somebody - touching someone, making them laugh, it's really a great feeling for me."

It would seem that my cousin, th "cut-up," has finally found his nich

—Owen Bisho

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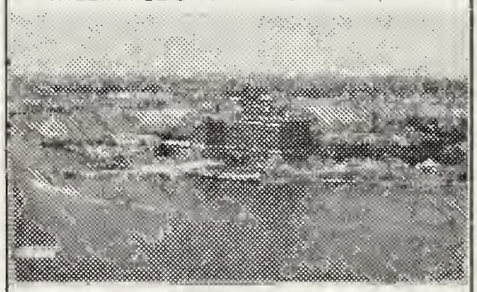

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